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Letter To The Editor

November 26, 1974

Dear Friends,

I want to thank each of you for all you are doing for my family. Thank you for visits to them, thank you for gifts of food, thank you for the many acts of kindness shown, for cooking food, for cleaning their homes, shopping for them.

Most of all I thank you for your prayers for each of them. For those who do not know, four members of my family have been hospitalized (two of these are in-laws but they too are very dear to me). My mother had a fall but is being nursed at home.

You are each doing God's work there as we are here. The One who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my bretheren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40, was talking to you and me.

Thank you for caring for my loved ones.

In Christian service,
Hazel Moon

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Appomattox, Virginia 24522

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Dear Sir,

I have received information concerning the workshops to be conducted in Appomattox County by Central Virginia Tomorrow - A Partnership Process. The workshops are scheduled to begin December 19 at Appomattox County High School with James Smith directing the program and Rev. Deryl Holliday giving the keynote address.

I have followed closely the developement of Central Virginia Tommorrow, and I would like to see Appomattox County citizens participate to the fullest extent possible in this community effort.

This is one opportunity that each citizen of the county will have to express his opinion on housing, employment, education, transportation, race relations and a multitude of subjects affecting the life of the residents of our fine community.

Any responsible citizen who does not attend the workshops is missing an opportunity to express his views on what Central Virginia and Appomattox County will be like in the future.

Sincerely,
Louis R. Bryant

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County Line

It's been hog killing time in the community. It was twelve killed on Monday.

Mrs. Garnett Harris and Miss Carolyn Harris of Phenix visited Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Jones Tuesday.

Mrs. Alta Hopkins spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Dean Pugh.

Mrs. Vernie Jones visited Mrs. Will Mann Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Booker Jones has been sick. We hope he's better.

Little Phillip, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Banton is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Mullins had all of her children and grandchildren on Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Nash had all of their children and grandchilden but three for Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, also Mr. Robert Williams. Mr. and Mrs. George D. Nash and family spent the week end in this home and Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Nash spent Sunday in this home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mann and family spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann and Ryland and attended the wedding of Mrs. Henry Mann's neice near Rustburg. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mann also attended the wedding. Nelson was a usher in the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash had their children and grandchildren for Thanksgiving dinner also Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Waddell and son, Bobby, of Rustburg and Mr. Herman Guill of Appomattox.

Mrs. Richard Nash spent Sunday in Richmond with her brother, Mr. Robert Guill.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Mullins and Paul were supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Banton Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Mullins visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann Sunday night.

Mrs. Henry Mann, Mrs. Nelson Mann and Mrs. Elliott Nash and Dawn Kerr attended the house warming for Mrs. Fred Mayberry Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mullins and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Ceeil Nash and baby Sunday afternoon.

Pancake Meal Is Set For Dec. 6

The Appomattox Primary School PTA is sponsoring a pancake and sausage supper on Dec. 6 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Advance tickets are now on sale by PTA members and parents or you may contact Mr. Robert Carter, PTA president or Mrs. Robbie Matthews, ticket chairman. Plan now to come out and bring the family. There will be all the pancakes and sausage you can eat.

Farm Bureau Will Select Miss VFB 1975

The selection of MissVirgnia Farm Bureau 1975 and a fashion show will be among the opening activities of Virginia Farm Bureau's 49th annual convention in Roanoke, December 8-10.

Miss VFB will be chosen from 28 representatives of county Farm Bureaus Sunday evening during a special reception at Hotel Roanoke, convention headquarters.

Appomattox County's representative is Miss Julie Lee Moore, 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Moore of Route 4.

The girls were chosen by their county Farm Bureaus on the basis of a speech titled "What I Like About Farm Life," poise and personality. These are the same requirements for state competition.

The Pastor Speaks

Jerry Crower, a Christian entertainer, has a recording out which is highly entertaining and extremely funny. On the record is an incident concerning two men who went 'coon hunting. On this particular hunt, the dogs tree a frightened animal. One hunter climbs the tree to grab the coon's tail only to find that it was not a coon at all but an angry bobcat. The bobcat sinks his teeth into the hunter, they fall to the ground, and the battle continues around and around. Finally, in desperation, the hunter shouts back to his hunter friend, "Don't just stand there, just go ahead and shoot into the middle of us. One of us has got to have some relief."

Today, there are many in our world who need "to get some relief." They are wedged "between a rock and a hard place." Seemingly, life has lost all meaning and does not appear to be worth living. Problems are on every hand with no answers readily available. For them, the picture is dark, and the future uncertain.

The "Good News" is that there is hope. Even in the midst of darkness and despair, there is light and encouragement. Christmas is good news; for, it is the anouncement of the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World. In Him, we are able to find a "haven of rest." He is the Prince of Peace and the Rock of Ages.

During the storms of life, when the waves encompass us on all sides, we can "tie-up" along side Him to find safety and security. Life take son new meaning and brighter perspective when we recognize and turn to the True Light of our souls.

The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, December 8, 1974.

Topic: Preparing the Way.

Scripture: Malachi 3 1-4; Matthew 3: 1-12; John 1: 6-8, 19-28.

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Matthew 3:3.

No event in history has been more carefully prepared for than the Incarnation of the Son of God. For centuries God had worked in history to prepare the world for the coming of the Savior. The people of Israel were chosen in their ancestor Abraham to prepare the world spiritually for Messiah. The

Isaiah 9 says, "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined . . . For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Sometimes, it may seem that we have a bobcat by the tail and can't hold on any longer; but, let us look up, there is a way out of our predicament. Jesus, himself, said, "I am the way."

Rev. H. Doyle Chauncey,
Pastor, Liberty Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va.

conquests of Alexander the Great paved the way for the cultural preparation of the world for Jesus Christ and the proclamation of His revelation of God to men. The development of a vast empire based in Rome constituted a political preparation for the coming of the Redeemer to facilitate the preaching of his love and salvation throughout the known world.

These preparations, so long in the making, were not, of course, immediately apparent to the world into which the Christ was born. Only in the perspective of history do we recognize these streams which converged on Bethlehem. A more immediate preparation was needed, to alert the people of Judea and Galilee and Samaria to the imminent ministry in their midst of the long-ago promised and long awaited Messiah. They were expecting a messenger, too, to prepare the way, for Malachi had transmitted God's message. "Behold I send my messenger to prepare the way before me . . ." and Isaiah had heard and related the command.

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God . . ."

To a people oppressed by a foreign overlord, uncertain of their leadership divided in their political alignments, perplexed, burdened, anxious, but expectant in hope of deliverance the messenger appeared. The physician-evangelist Luke related the unusual circumstances of the messenger's birth and with the other Gospel writers presented John as an ascetic, living a remote, frugal life in the Judean wilderness, but rather suddenly appearing with a message of hope and a call to repentance which attracted multitudes from throughout Palestine to his wilderness pulpit. We distinguish him from the numerous other Johns by the designation, the Baptist, from his practice of baptizing those who heeded his call to repent in preparation for the coming of the kingdom of heaven.

In our time we interpret the references in the Gospels to John's preaching entirely in the context of preparing the way for the Messiah. To readers of the Gospels when they were first circulated these references had another significance as well. There had developed, in consequences of his preaching, a cult of John the Baptist. He attracted many disciples, as the Gospels relate, and the cult spread abroad among Jews of the Dispersion. Paul found it at Ephesus (Acts 19: 1-5). Some scholars think it was a serious early competitor with Christianity. They see in the Gospel references, particularly in Matthew and John, indication that the writers are clearly stressing the preeminence of Jesus over John.

Because John was older than Jesus, his disciples claimed for John the preeminence. The Gospel of John has John the Baptist plainly denying that he was the Christ. Each of the Gospels presents John as identifying himself as preparing the way for one "who is coming after me, (who) is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry."

John the Baptist's preaching was in the spirit of the Old Testament prophets. A sinful, unrepentant people would not be ready for the coming kingdom of heaven. Only as they repented of their sins and bore "fruit that befits repentance" would they be ready for the new day of the Lord was at hand. John ca those who did repent baptized as their indication of their ident with those who were ready for the appearanc Lord and the king heaven. Through John istry, the living Go seeking men to prep way and be ready ministry of the Messiah He still seeks men to the way for His entry minds and hearts and people everywhere.

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...Ronnie Morris ...to VPI and SU this ...after spending a week ...

...Carter spent the ...with Michelle Tweedy ...Alfred Martin and ...were Mr. and Mrs. ...Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. ...Burns and Bryon, Mr. ...Dave Gentile, Gina ...Lynchburg.

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...G. Martin Sr., Mrs. ...Moore, Debbie and ...Mr. and Mrs. ...Moore Jr. and family ...evening.

...and Mrs. William ...and Roy Schmutz of ...Ohio spent several ...week with Mr. and ...Schmutz and girls.

...Geraldine Moore, Deb...Owen were Sunday ...of Mr. and Mrs. M. ...Sr. Mr. and Mrs. ...Martin and boys were ...in this home.

...Mrs. Alvin Reynolds ...week with Mr. and ...Martin, Jr.

...Patricia Martin of ...spent the week end ...Carolyn Jo Morris.

...L. E. Martin, Mrs. ...Burge Jr. and Mrs. ...visited Mrs. Judy Jamerson of Appomattox Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs Gibbs Martin, Mrs. Geraldine Moore and Gwen visited Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Martin Jr., Kathy and Tammy Sunday afternoon. Kathy recently underwent surgery on her knee.

Stonewall

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Matthew 3:3.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Trent, Rhonda and Dana of Charlottesville spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant.

Miss Mattie Wright is home from hospital. She is with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bondurant Jr. So very nice to have love ones to care for us when we need them.

It was such a bad week end. A lot of people did not get out to church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler, David and Tommy had dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler. Afternoon visitors were Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Jones, Kathy Irby and Richard.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alvis Jr. spent the week end at Orange with her family.

Mr. Jimmy Braford, Mr. Marvin Taylor and Bobby Winston got a deer last week.

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